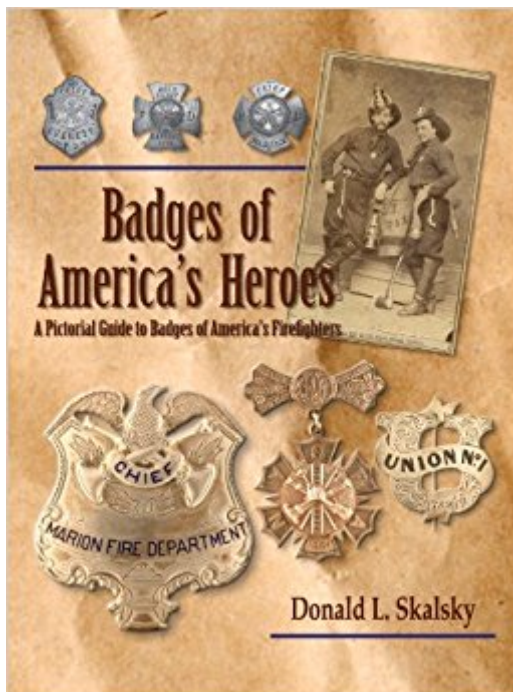


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# Badges Of America's Heroes



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This historical volume as told by author, Don Skalsky, includes: -Never told anywhere before...the historical evolution of the American Fire Badge. -Highlighted badges representing the earliest Volunteer Firefighting days as well as many of Americas major metropolitan fire departments -An exhaustive list of current and significant previous fire badge makers. -An in-depth description of how badges are made, the metals used, and their findings. -Contributions from noted American Fire Museums -Badges and narratives contributed by many of the most respected Badge Collectors from all across the nation, depicting many priceless one of a kind badges. -Descriptive pictures of unusual, military, commemorative, one-of-a kind, personal and issued badges all portrayed in full color. -Forward written by Ronny J. Coleman. Mr. Coleman is a noted author, historian, and motivational speaker in the Fire Service as well as an avid badge collector. The book is a large 9 x 12 coffee table edition with 176 all color pages. High-gloss, double-coated paper is used for superior photo reproduction.

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A retired Fire Chief, Don is a noted fire memorabilia collector and badge enthusiast, as his collection spans some 35+ years. He resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with his wife Debbie, their two sons - who are both Colorado Springs firefighters - their wives and four grandchildren.

Excellent and a must have resource for anyone into fire badges. Considered the bible of badge collecting it is a one stop reference book.

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